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U.S. TROOPS ARE NONRESIDENTS, SAYS CRAIG.

Impassioned Chairman Aspers "Concrete Evidence" Upon the "Non-Residents" of the "Troops."

WIFE'S RESIDENCE IS DECIDED

Republican Candidate Believing in Soldier Vote and "All Fanned Up" Coming Back to Earth Again.

Santa Fe, N. M., Oct. 22.—In answer to the charge that Republicans are seeking to give the U. S. troops stationed in Camp Fanning a chance to vote at the state election, and making the counter charge that the Democrats in the Columbus precinct have denied a number of legally qualified voters among those men, Chairman George H. Craig in a statement published in the Journal of Albuquerque today, says he has sent a representative of the state central committee to investigate the situation. He says the purpose of the representative is to place the facts in his hands. Judge Craig also says that there must be something more to give them U. S. troops the right to vote in this state than the mere declaration that they changed their "residence" to this state a year ago, and that there must be "CONCRETE EVIDENCE" SUCH AS COURTS USUALLY REQUIRE. He says he believes the large "majority" of those troops are "probably non-residents."

Opinion on Women Voters

The opinion was given out by the attorney general's office today at Santa Fe that women do not have to pay poll or poll taxes and that a woman's legal residence is that of her husband's, unless she is permanently separated from him.

BULLDOG VALED ENGLISHMAN

Brewster, N. M., Oct. 22.—Mrs. Mary Edith of Brewster was addressed a line and costs in the police court on the charge of using insulting language to Attorney J. C. Gilbert. Mrs. Edith testified that she called him a "bull-faced Englishman," stating that she had raised many buildings and knew their faces when she saw him. She paid a fine.

ELECTRIC LIGHT RATES & P.

Clovis, N. M., Oct. 22.—An increase in the electric light rates for the city of Clovis was ordered by the city council at its meeting last week which will mean an advance of about 25 per cent in the cost of light in the future. The increase is said to be due to the increased cost of production during the winter months and will be required in the spring.

EXPERT PLUMBING

Plumbing Supplies

F. J. GROSS, Prop.

Corner of Broadway and First Street West

WILLIAM COLEMAN GETS 10 MONTHS IN PENITENTIARY

Some months ago William Coleman received a letter addressed to William Coleman but he was the wrong William Coleman. The letter contained a \$100 bill.

This news was almost shocking to William Coleman, but it was not because the rest of the bill is more interesting to another William Coleman.

The right William Coleman called many times for his mail at the Columbus postoffice but never received any, at least not the liberty bond. He complained and a postoffice inspector was called in and an investigation was on.

The inspector found there was no William Coleman in this city and he also found that the first William Coleman had cashed in a \$100 liberty bond. The rest was easy.

William was approached on the subject. He was arrested and imprisoned in the Denning jail until he was taken to Santa Fe to appear before a federal judge who dispensed justice in minutes of this kind.

William acknowledged that when he opened the letter and found a \$100 bill in it it was too much for his early training and he cashed it and "new James" like a gentleman.

William will now think it over for a while, but months at the federal prison at Leavenworth, where it never and the winds are different from Santa Fe.

FREE CATCH OF FISH IN THE PECOS VALLEY

Brewster, N. M., Oct. 22.—Tomlinson Fort and Henry Fort of this city claim to be the champion fishermen of the valley. Saturday afternoon Mr. Fort, accompanied by the Rev. R. D. Dunn, made a trip to the Pecos river and returned with two black bass, two of which weighed four pounds one and four and one-half. Mr. Dunn caught a black bass which weighed five and one-half pounds and is said to be the largest fish of its kind ever caught in the river. The bass fishing in this vicinity this season has been unusually good and some remarkably good catches have been made.

JUVENILE MISSING HERABE

The joint debate between Senator A. A. Jones and J. Adam Bode at Denning last week was well attended by Denning people and the republicans admitted that Mr. Bode was far outclassed by the New Mexico senator. He that as it may, it was an "education" to the adherents of both parties and a reminder of old times. If there were more public debates of like character irrespective of who was the better the general public would vote more intelligently.

WOMEN ARE FORTUNATE

In the state campaign the women are especially fortunate since they are less familiar with existing conditions and party history and traditions (than the men) in having the benefit of the pitiless publicity which is being shed upon the past and present "business" rule in New Mexico by the two greatest republican dailies in the state, the New Mexican and the Journal. By their unflinching and able support of Judge Hanna they have proven their willingness to put clean government above partisan politics.

SOLDIERS: YOUR CREDIT IS

O. K. for beds, springs, mattresses, drawers, and all furniture—and items most reasonable—at FROST'S HARDWARE & FURNITURE Store, Chilesville.

\$100,000 HOTEL FOR POLOMAS LAKES

Financed by Coterie of El Paso and Aspet Promoters; Feasibility of Project Assured.

GENARD FOURZAM AUTHORITY

Construction Will Be Started When As Leases Is Secured; Money Much to Columbus.

Demarc Fourzam, secretary of the Polomas Land and Cattle Company, for many years and probably the most prominent Mexican in this section of New Mexico, returned from a trip to El Paso early in the week where he had been called into consultation with a number of gentlemen who have subscribed \$100,000 for recreation grounds and a hotel at the Polomas Lake which are located four miles from the Denning Lake.

Mr. Fourzam said the details of a lease were now being worked out by his company and he was satisfied that the proposition would meet with favorable consideration. There are also all kinds of rumors being circulated as regards a leasing of restrictions as to passports and travel in and from across the border. It is said that a scope is to be established in Mexico by which Americans may travel forty miles into Mexico without the usual red tape.

Recognition of Mexico by the United States is only a matter of time, even days, and with the coming of day across to the Polomas Lakes it opens a stream of tourists from this section of the country across the border.

The establishing of a hotel at the Polomas means a Mexican village, a town, a town, a city. Columbus merchants will benefit not only in trade from this particular locality but from far into Mexico.

OLD MAIDS CONVENTION

RECEIVED CALL FROM DENNING

The Old Maids Convention held at the International Hall last Saturday evening was a pronounced success, both in attendance and financial. The "convention" was sponsored by the ladies making up the Pythian Sisters, and they have received an invitation from Denning to represent the "convention" in that city. It is said that "Dor" Hampton and Lee Rines who fashionably afflicted in dresses were the scream of the evening. The attendance was such a crash that the sale of tickets at the door was suspended.

COMPRESSOR FOR ROMANA

Mr. Curry, secretary of the new Romana Mining Company has a real job on his hands this week. It was superintending the removal of a nine-ton air compressor from Columbus up into the mountains to the Romana mine site. At last accounts he was on his way. A full crew is at work at the mine which is visited daily by many visitors. As the first level is approached there is considerable excitement as much is expected by the management.

J. E. SAINT CHARGED

Chief Commissioner J. E. Saint of the state tax commission delivered an address at the Box Theater last Wednesday night. His subject was taxes from a republican viewpoint. The speaker was charged at the lack of attendance and he had a right to be as there were only 11 persons present. Incidentally of the weather, of course, had a lot to do with the non-attendance of the democrats and also the natural dryness of the subject. But what excuse did the republicans have?

1000 CATTLE ARE SHIPPED

Albuquerque, Oct. 22.—The cattle shipping season is now well under way and according to Frank Clark of the Cattle Penitentiary, over 8000 have already been shipped to outside markets. Clark estimates that the season's shipments will be 200,000 head.

JACK SHIVER IN FIRE SCARE

Several cottages and sheds were completely destroyed by fire last week near the residence of Jack Shiver, democratic candidate for sheriff of this county. For a time the residence was in danger, but prompt work on the part of the fire department saved it.

JOHN MARGRAVE MURDEROUSLY ASSAULTED

Night Watchman, Columbus Steam Laundry, Has Head Crushed In by Unknown Ruffian.

\$45.00 IN MONEY MISSING

Steel Fractured in Three Places; Victim is Still Alive at the Denning Hospital.

John Margrave, one-legged night watchman at the Columbus Steam Laundry, was murderously assaulted and left for dead by an unknown ruffian about 9 o'clock Saturday evening and now lies at the Denning Hospital with about one chance in a hundred of recovering.

At 9 o'clock a Mexican boy living nearby on East Broadway heard screams coming from the laundry and hurried downtown where he found Officer Daniels who returned with him to the laundry.

Margrave was found lying on the floor in a pool of blood unconscious. He was picked up; placed in an automobile and hurried to the Denning Hospital.

Dr. Gifford, in speaking of the case, said in all his experience he had never met with a case where the patient had been so terribly injured and had survived. There were three separate fractures of the skull and a gaping hole in the forehead.

Saturday night the surgeons said Margrave would die, they said the same thing Monday. But a steady improvement is noticed in his condition and he has that one chance in a hundred to one.

During periods of semiconsciousness, Margrave mentioned several times and it is hoped he will make his story as the victim may be caught. That robbery was the motive is sure and that he knew his assailant is possible.

This is the third case of its kind in Columbus within a few months. A woman lost her skull crushed in with a hammer and was found dead in a bedroom in her house on the west side. There was no clew and no arrests.

Judge Peach was assaulted with a piece of iron pipe and severely beaten on the head. A suspect was arrested, identified and is now in jail in Denning and his trial will be held in November.

Great indignation was felt in this city when the latest crime was known. John Margrave some years ago had a leg amputated at a hospital in Denning and since then has made his way on crutches. He has been employed by J. E. Vinson for some years and bears a good reputation.

Margrave was a ten-dollar gold piece on his watchchain and it is missing together with \$30 in money which he had in his pocket.

Every effort is being made, every clue is being followed and it is the hope of everyone in Columbus that the would-be murderer is captured.

Miss Nancy Margrave, sister of John Margrave, arrived in Columbus Thursday from her home in Elginville, Texas, and is a guest of the J. E. Vinsons.

LOSES AN ADVERTISEMENT

From the Torreytown Journal.

A couple of weeks ago a cranky sort of an individual came into this office and ordered out his advertisement. We have frequently met him on the street since that time and it is amusing to note the look of surprise on his face that we are still in the land of the living regardless of the fact that he dropped his advertisement.

Some day—and it won't be long either—that guy will turn up his toes. His heart will be still forever. Neighbors and friends will follow his lifeless clay to the silent city and lay him to rest among the flowers or the noblest box. An epitaph will be published in this column telling what a good neighbor and beloved citizen he was—while the remaining angel will overlook for charity's sake and in a very short time he will be forgotten—and properly so.

COPIES IN LOSS

Harold Robinson of the 24th Infantry wrote a very desirable article for the Courier last week and handed it to the editor of the Courier who accidentally lost it. Harold is requested to call and request his "stand."

N. FIENRI, CHARGED WITH DECEIVING OTHERS, IS QUICKLY ACQUITTED

N. Fienni, proprietor of a saloon on the west side, was arrested Monday evening charged with receiving stolen property. The evidence consisting of a stolen automobile being found on a lot at Fienni's was about ten blocks from his place of business. The trial was before the District Judge who dismissed the case. Walter H. Smith, representing the defendant, the automobile, a Dodge, was said to have been stolen from a Mr. Parkfield in Denning on October 22.

This was Attorney Smith's first effort since he dissolved partnership with A. W. Parkfield and he was all smiles for in Kansas where he holds from it an attorney fees his first case he takes the right off the office door and moves to Denning where the charge is stolen and there is some hanging over income tax rates among attorneys.

PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO CARRYING CHECK

J. A. White, a teacher of Chaves county, charged with getting a check from the postoffice at Roswell addressed to Neil Roswell, a student at the Military Institute, pleaded not guilty to the charge in the United States court today and his trial was set for Nov. 11 at Albuquerque.

The check was issued by the check was sent to Mrs. M. Roswell, Mr. White's wife, according to the charge. Roswell's box had the same number, but at the Military Institute instead of at the postoffice.

The check was payable to Betty Mayer, Santa Fe, and endorsed by him, as it could be easily cashed. Roswell's name did not appear on the check.

STRAW VOTE AT CARLSBAD AND SILVER CITY

Carlsbad, N. M., Oct. 22.—The straw vote in this city shows:

For	226
Against	27
Blank	30
Moehm	20

Silver City, N. M., Oct. 22.—The straw vote in this city shows:

For	32
Against	20
Blank	20
Moehm	20

CHILD RUN DOWN BY CAR; RIGHT LEG IS BROKEN

The six-year-old son of Peter Lopez was run down by an automobile Sunday afternoon in Silver City. His right leg was broken.

100 WILD TURKEYS SEEN

Carlsbad, N. M., Oct. 22.—Hunters who have visited the vicinity of Sweet canyon near here report deer and turkey in larger numbers than ever before. One man counted the turkeys in the canyon during the last month. Many have been killed by coyotes.

BAPTIST HOSPITAL IN CLOVIS

Clovis, N. M., Oct. 22.—The new Baptist Hospital, with Miss Blunt in charge, has been opened to the public. It is one of the most modern buildings in the state.

GALLUP GAINS 1000 POPULATION

Gallup, N. M., Oct. 22.—The population of the city of Gallup is shown as 3,900 for 1920, against 2,900 in the year 1910, or an increase of over 1,000 in the past ten years. Local estimates had given Gallup 5,000 population.

HERE ARE

Read the Want Column

Simmons' Mesquite Axe

Extra quality and longer, and growth Cumberland Hickory handle. Simmons' patent wedge, positively will not fly off handle. \$2.75 and worth it.

FROST'S

Hardware and Furniture Store Broadway

MECHEM NERVE TOO MUCH FOR THIS MAN

Attempted to Coerce (Hwy County Democrat to Support the Republican Ticket.

CANDIDATE IN NEW LIGHT

Would Make Victim, Denies as United States Commissioner and at Town's Postmaster.

[The following letter is in Judge Moehm's handwriting and there is no question of its authenticity. In it he tells a Quay County man, during the strained campaign, that he must carry his Democratic promise for the Republicans or resign as United States Commissioner; then subject to appointment and removal by territorial judges, and that he would also be needed as postmaster.]

Judge Moehm's letter to this Democrat, whose name is long forgotten, will be published as follows:

Dear Sir:—I never thought there would be a question as to your attitude in this election. In view of the favors you have received at the hands of the Republicans. Now it is up to you to carry—practical for the Republicans. If you don't I want your resignation as United States Commissioner, and also we will make a change in the postmaster.

I regard you as a personal friend, but I don't propose to help the best friend I ever had at the expense of the Republicans. You can show it's better if you want to, and if you do all right, for those you show it to can always refer to the question as to whether I am a Republican or not.

I have you can carry this promise and by the way will be showing great attitude toward me.

NO EXCUSES WILL DO.

DUMPED BEER AND WHISKY

Roswell, N. M., Oct. 22.—Closely guarded by the police, the occupants of a big touring car dumped in pots of beer and a quart of whisky into the Spring river near Roswell and being rid of the bal last made good their escape. Officials dragged the river the following day and recovered the booze.

HUNTING IN THE MOUNTAINS

Many hunting parties are out in the mountains in this section of New Mexico, and 500 altogether is a low estimate. J. E. Norwood, Sergeant Pierce and A. Bloch made up one party. Harold Carter and Floyd White are in another. Joe Clark was every day.

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Snap Bargains!

Automatic Rifles, Pump Guns, Ammunition

Bicycles, Second Hand \$15 Up. New Bicycles \$40, Up

Steamer and Indestructible Trunks

Carroll & Norwood

Hardware and Oil and General Hand Furnishings

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A VOTE FOR

JOE WILLA BELL

MEANS

The Luna county schools will be governed by an EXPERIENCED teacher and an EXECUTIVE

THE COURIER IF FOR HER, ARE YOU?